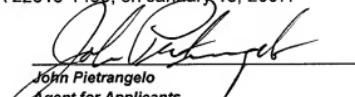


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before January 18, 2007, this Response is being timely filed, and no time extension fees are required.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.